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An Armenian holiday and the appointment of a new defense minister hindered post's ability thus far to discuss reftel issues with an appropriate contact in the Ministry of Defense. We relayed reftel message to Armen Yedigarian, head of the MFA's Department of Arms Control and National Security. Armenia has maintained a steady troop contribution to efforts in Iraq for the past two years, and government officials regularly indicate to us that they intend to continue on that path. We anticipate no changes to the Armenian troop contributions in Iraq.
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